

# The Piedmont Rotarian

ROTARY DISTRICT 7690 • August 2006 • DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

*"Lead the Way"*

Mitzi Ellis, District Governor, 2 Sturbridge Lane, Greensboro, NC 27408



Mitzi Ellis

## "MAY YOU BE BUILDERS, NOT MERE CLIMBERS"

This phrase was spoken by Paul Harris in 1916 and is still relevant ninety years later. In fact, RI President Bill Boyd is asking Rotarians around the world today to step forward to *Lead the Way* in taking our clubs to a new level.

How do we prepare to lead our clubs in Rotary's second 100 years? We can't expect to achieve different results within our clubs by doing things the same way. We must be open to new ideas that include the culture of young men and women who will lead us into the next century of Rotary service.

I think Presidents like Rick Blake with the High Point Rotary Club are on the right track. He is pushing for innovative ideas by considering to gather his past presidents together to focus on long range plans and a vision for the future of his club. Does your club have a group of members whose job it is to focus on the following?:

- \* A clear definition of what the club stands for in the community
- \* The target size for the club in 2010
- \* Identification of the attributes the club will have
- \* The top three prioritized objectives for focus in each Avenue of Service
- \* Recommendations of improvements for the clubs

The Club Leadership Plan is the recommended administrative structure that has been tested during the past five years in Rotary clubs around the world - regardless of your club size. It is based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs and includes a process for helping clubs develop clarity on who they are, what they stand for, and where they are going. It is not mandatory but every Rotary club, new and old, could benefit from the plan.

This strategic planning process will serve everyone in a positive way. There are many benefits of using the Club Leadership Plan. It is proven that when club leadership is strong, organized, proactive, and motivated, membership retention is high and clubs are healthy. RI President Bill Boyd has set a goal of one net member per club for this year. This is very achievable if we all work together to take our clubs to the next level. *Let's all be builders for a better Rotary and better Rotarians!*

## District Simplified Grants Awarded

In the most recent grant making cycle, a number of excellent projects were approved for funding. Clubs throughout the District should be inspired by these projects and consider the opportunity to apply for funding this year. **A new grant cycle is now open, with applications being accepted through September 15, 2006. Notification of awards will be made by October 31.** Congratulations to all of the Clubs and their hardworking members involved in service above self...

The **Jonesboro Club** received \$1,200 for the Jonesboro Library Bilingual Children's Book Project. In addition to providing dual language (English/Spanish) books for the education and entertainment of children, families will have the opportunity to become aware of library services available to them such as English Language Classes, Immigration Information, employment opportunities, driver's license procedures, etc.

The **Yadkin Valley Club** received \$1,200 for Landscape Design and Installation for The Ark, a shelter for homeless families and single women. Rotarians will be actively engaged in creating the design and the installation of landscaping through "Planting Days" this fall.

The **Reynolda Club** requested and received \$1,000 for a Parent Involvement Project at a local elementary school where many of the children are underprivileged. A series of dinners will be provided by Rotarians (20-30 per meeting) for families of students during which valuable academic and related information can be shared.

The **Willow Creek Club** received \$1,200 for its Meals of Grace Project. The club members are actively engaged in providing food items and serving meals at this food ministry site. Additionally they will be overseeing the purchase and installation of new stoves, and other necessities for the program.

The **Summit and Crescent Clubs** will each be receiving \$1,200 for their joint initiative for the design and installation of a new sign for Weaver Education Center. Club members will be clearing the area for the new sign and assisting a brick mason in construction of the base of the sign and the preparation of commemorative bricks.

Several other projects were conditionally approved, pending receipt of additional clarification. They will be highlighted with the second group of grant recipients. **Don't be left out! Your club has time to apply for up to \$1,200 for a club service project.**

*Pam Barrett, District Simplified Grants Chair*

## ROTARY FACTS

When was the  
4-Way Test Adopted  
by Rotary?

The 4-Way Test was  
created by Rotarian  
Herbert J. Taylor

in 1932 and was  
used to help a failing  
Chicago-based Club  
Aluminum Company.

Herb Taylor became  
president of RI in  
1954-55.

The 4-Way Test was  
adopted by Rotary  
in 1943 and has  
been translated  
into more than  
100 languages.

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[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)  
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## DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The district 7690 golf  
tournament will be held  
at Pinewood Country  
Club in Asheboro on  
Thurs., October 12.  
Lunch will be at noon  
with the tee time at 1:00  
pm. For more  
information, contact  
PDG Don Allred at  
[dallred1@triad.rr.com](mailto:dallred1@triad.rr.com)

## DISTRICT FOOTBALL OUTING

Saturday, October 7  
Wake Forest vs. Clemson  
Time TBD

## Foundation Service Regional Award Presented to PDG Ray Taylor

*Phil Morris, Ray Taylor  
& his wife, Betty Taylor*



Past District Governor Ray Taylor (1992-1993 Pinehurst) was awarded The Rotary Foundation Service Regional Award for a Polio-Free World by the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation. The award was presented by District Governor Phil Morris at the Officer Installation Banquet of the Pinehurst Rotary Club on June 27th at the Pine Crest Inn.

"This award was established by the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation in order to recognize outstanding contributions to the polio eradication effort and to encourage participation in the final eradication efforts. Since the service to be recognized relates to the eradication target phase of Rotary efforts, only service that has occurred since November 1, 1992 is recognizable." The award recognizes active service and not financial contribution.

Regional awards, with regions coinciding with WHO regions, for outstanding service in polio eradication, solely or primarily with the region, are made annually, not to exceed 10 per region. International awards for broad service to the cause of polio eradication, also will be made annually, not to exceed 10 individuals.

Ray is a polio survivor, who has been waging a personal war against post polio syndrome. He founded the Polio Survivors and Associates Fellowship, now a Rotary Action Group, and has been promoting the development of affordable prosthetic devices to assist those who are coping with the disease.

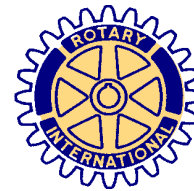
## District Governor's Visits for August

8/1/2006	Tuesday	Winston Salem
8/2/2006	Wednesday	Clemmons
8/2/2006	Wednesday	Thomasville
8/3/2006	Thursday	Stratford
8/4/2006	Friday	Reynolda
8/8/2006	Tuesday	Triad
8/8/2006	Tuesday	Jamestown
8/10/2006	Thursday	Carthage
8/10/2006	Thursday	Troy
8/14/2006	Monday	Burlington
8/15/2006	Tuesday	Yadkinville
8/15/2006	Tuesday	Mount Airy
8/16/2006	Wednesday	Surry Sunrise
8/29/2006	Tuesday	Lexington
8/30/2006	Wednesday	East Greensboro
8/31/2006	Thursday	Gate City

## AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

Every club should put growth and retention as a priority. It is essential to the vitality of your club. Plan a special event in August and invite non-Rotarians to visit and learn about what Rotary is and what Rotary does. A great resource this month is the August issue of *The Rotarian*.

A section called "Rotary Basics" gives valuable information for all Rotarians and non-Rotarians. Read how Rotarians feel about their Rotary club and share this with your non-Rotarian friends. Invite a friend to Rotary.



## Rotary Foundation & Membership Seminars

**September 14-Clemmons/September 27-Asheboro**

The Rotary Foundation seminar offers the opportunity for you to gain a large amount of information about the Foundation in only two hours. We will discuss our district's accomplishments and success stories that will help your club reach new levels of Foundation support. We will also talk about ways your club can tap into Foundation resources by securing a humanitarian grant, sponsoring a Rotary scholar, and participating in group study exchange.

Our Rotary Foundation is what sets Rotary apart from many other service organizations, and District 7690 is known throughout the Rotary world for its support of Our Rotary Foundation. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about how your club can continue to be a part of our district's success with Our Foundation.

Are you looking for the newest thinking on membership recruitment and retention? If you are, you won't want to miss the upcoming membership seminars led by our Rotary Zone Membership Chairs. Topics will include the latest research on membership in Rotary, suggestions about where to find, and how to recruit qualified, committed Rotary club members, ideas for creating or enhancing new membership orientation programs, and much more!

# New Rotary District in Russia

*Dear fellow Rotarians from District 7690,*

A historic day for Rotarians has been celebrated on June 17 - RI District 2220, the first Russian Rotary District has been chartered. It includes all clubs of Western Russia, and Urals, the territory where almost 90% of Russians live. The Chain symbolizing the rank of Governor has been personally placed on DGE Audrey Danilenko by the President 2005-2006 of Rotary International, Carl Wilhelm Stenhammar.

More than 300 Rotarians gathered to celebrate this turning point in their lives, along with Rotarians from Western and Eastern Russia, Sweden, the USA, France, Australia, Italy, Germany, Finland, Austria, Romania, Spain, Moldova, Serbia, Slovenia, Kyrgyzstan, Japan, Canada, Madagascar and other countries. Among Rotarian authorities Vice President RI Serge Gouteyron and Board member Bob Stuart.

And a great number of Rotarians from the USA, thanks to Jon Eiche and Steve Yoshida of the "Friends of Rotary in Russia." Among them our old friend from District 7690, **Mike Sigmon, Past President Summit Rotary Club**, presented all the ceremony participants with a specially made pin celebrating the charter of the new District.

Heretofore Western Russia was carved up and put under three Rotary Districts, based in Finland and Sweden. The relevant District Governors were there too, together with the Governor of District 5010 (Eastern Russia, Alaska, and Canada).



## CLUB PRESIDENTS & SECRETARIES: DID YOU KNOW....?

Did you know that the Club and District support staff (CDS) at Rotary International serves as your primary contact at the RI Headquarters? They are ready to answer almost any question you may have about Rotary, and can provide you with advice on such topics as club elections, constitutional matters, club traditions and customs, club operations, and RI Board policy.

Do you know who your CDS representative is? Your representative can be found on the web:

[www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/support/CDAreps/index.html).

Have you seen some of our web resources that will make it easier for you to administer your club?

Helpful resources have been designed specifically for club presidents and secretaries. It can also be found on the Rotary web site at:

[www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club\\_pres\\_sec\\_resources.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/club_pres_sec_resources.pdf).

Learn how you can make changes to your club's membership records, reference various Rotary Foundation reports, pay your club's dues online and report next year's club officers using Member Access. Full instructions and helpful suggestions can be found on the web at: <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org/faq.asp>.

You can find a selection of important club administration publications, including audiovisual programs, club software, forms and supplies on the web at: <http://shop.rotary.org/catalog/default.php?cPath+37>

The Club President's Checklist is a month-to-month calendar, for the club president and president-elect, with reminders about important club and district functions, as well as RI and Rotary Foundation program due dates. Find it at [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/pres_checklist.pdf).

The Club Leadership Plan is a great new way to invigorate stagnant clubs. It is based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs. You can find this plan on the web at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/club/clubplan.html>.

Important information for Rotary clubs located in the USA is attached. It provides basic information regarding your club's tax status and mandatory yearly reports to the IRS. You can find additional copies on the web: [http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info\\_paper\\_clubs\\_irs.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/info_paper_clubs_irs.pdf).

The RI Secretariat staff looks forward to working with you and supporting your club's service efforts in the year ahead. Be sure to contact your CDS representative whenever you may need help from RI Headquarters!

# Attendance for June 2006

CLUBS	MEMBERS AS OF 6/30/05	CURRENT MEMBERS	MONTHLY MEETINGS	MONTHLY % ATTEND	CLUB ID NUMBER
*Alamance	49	56	4	61	6090
*Alamance Bkft	26	31	4	74	23238
Archdale/Trinity	32	34	4	53	29135
*Asheboro	109	119	5	64	6052
Burlington	24	24	4	70	6092
Carthage	16	20	5	58	6053
*Clemmons	126	133	5	79	29530
*Crescent	122	120	3	65	6056
East Greensboro	22	18	3	61	55569
*Eden	47	40	4	70	6058
*Furnitureland	54	56	4	86	6059
*Gate City	59	57	5	80	27995
*Graham	37	39	4	73	6107
*Greensboro	323	310	4	49	6060
*Gboro Arpt	35	41	4	80	31667
*Guilford	50	55	3	86	22059
*High Point	174	172	4	66	6062
Jamestown	34	26	4	60	6063
*Jonesboro	61	63	5	70	22882
*Kernersville	59	67	4	75	25027
King	22	22	5	63	51294
*Lexington	44	45	4	62	6065
*Liberty	18	19	5	64	6066
Madison/Mayodan	52	53	6	62	6067
*Mocksville	63	66	4	52	6069
*Mount Airy	101	106	4	72	6070
Oak Hollow	16	15	5	59	51358
*Pinehurst	29	31	3	69	6072
*Randolph	79	79	4	71	6074
Reidsville	71	74	4	71	6075
Reynolda	110	110	4	59	21534
Sandhills	43	36	4	75	25530
*Sanford	75	68	4	56	6078
San-Lee	26	26	4	100	30735
*Siler City	68	67	3	69	6079
Southern Guilford	14	11	4	75	61795
*Southern Pines	68	67	5	73	6080
*Stoneville	14	14	5	90	6081
Stratford	146	127	5	64	6082
*Summit	130	125	5	69	6083
Surry Sunrise	45	35	4	72	57326
*Thomasville	75	72	4	70	6084
*Triad	39	42	4	74	6071
*Troy	34	36	5	69	6085
Walnut Cove	30	26	4	53	6087
*Willow Creek	18	21	3	83	60367
Winston-Salem	253	255	4	49	6088
Yadkin Valley	40	39	4	69	30000
*Yadkinville	17	17	4	64	51333
Yanceyville	24	23	4	65	6134
<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>3223</b>	<b>3197</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>70%</b>	

\*100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

**District 7690 Calendar**

[Click Here](#)



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## Club Bulletins

Copies of your club bulletins should be sent to the following:

- ◆ The District Governor - Mitzi Ellis 2 Sturbridge Lane Greensboro, NC 27408  
OR MitziEllis@Rotary7690.org
- ◆ The District Governor Elect: David McCoy 2413 Addison Blvd. High Point, NC  
27262 OR DavidMcCoy@Rotary7690.org
- ◆ District Governor Nominee: Charles Allen PO Box 623 Randleman, NC 27317  
OR CharlesAllen@Rotary7690.org
- ◆ District Bulletin Committee Chair: Ashley Titus 105 Woodlyn Drive Yadkinville,  
NC 27055 OR ClubBulletin@Rotary7690.org
- ◆ Club Communications: Past District Governor Phil Morris 2207 Porsha Lane  
High Point, NC 27265 OR PhilMorris@Rotary7690.org
  - ◆ Your Assistant Governor
  - ◆ Club Bulletin Editors in your Area
  - ◆ Club Presidents in your Area

Rotaractors will be judging as has been done in the past. Here are points to take into consideration for judging:

Does the bulletin contain an appropriate mix of information?

Which bulletin would you be inclined to read regularly?

If you were not a Rotarian, which bulletin would attract you to seek membership?

Is the format consistent?

Is it rich in information?

Are there too many details?

Are there photos?

# Rotary Golf

Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro

October 12, 2006



2005 Net Winners Swell With Belt Busting Pride

**District Golf Tournament**  
Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro. October 12

Lunch will begin at noon.  
Shotgun start begins at 1 pm.

\$70 per person. \$280 per team.

Make out check to District 7690 Golf

Mail to

PDG Don Allred  
1426 West Lake Drive  
Asheboro, NC 27205



District Designated Beverage Provider  
With Yadkinville Team



Crescent Team Wins Again.  
Looks for competition in 2006



**District Governor Mitzi Ellis invites you to Pinewood Country Club in Asheboro for a day of food, fun and Rotary fellowship. Join Mitzi on October 12 as she provides beverages, snacks and sage West Virginia golf advice**



\* Who won the best golf bag competition?



\* Cell Phones sorta welcome, too.

\* And what is the DAL Award?

\*Questions from a non-golfer.



*District 7690 Golf Tournament  
Pinewood Country Club, Asheboro, NC  
Oct. 12, 2006  
12:00 Lunch  
1:00 pm shotgun start*

Please send a check for \$70 per person, \$280 per team to:

District 7690 Golf

Mail to:  
PDG Don Allred  
1426 West Lake Dr.  
Asheboro, NC 27205-2549

Rotary Club \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Teams shall consist of Rotarians from one club.  
If you cannot arrange a foursome from your club, sign up anyway and you will be assigned to a non-competing team for a fun day of golf and fellowship.

Our team would like to participate in the:

Gross Division: Two of four best ball \_\_\_\_\_ (blue tees)

Net Division: Captain's Choice with handicap \_\_\_\_\_ (white tees)

Deadline for Entries: September 9

**For more information contact:**

Don Allred: 336.629.1021  
Margaret Padgett: 336.885.7690  
Pinewood is location six miles south of Asheboro on 220 at the Ulah exit.



## **YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT TAIWAN WITH US Friendship Exchange – an invitation**

Our district has been invited to participate in a Friendship Exchange with District 3460 Taichung, Taiwan.

### **Friendship Exchange – what's that?**

A Friendship Exchange is just like a Group Study Exchange except it is for Rotarians and their families. And where the Group Study Exchange is funded by the Rotary Foundation, Friendship Exchange is funded by the participants. Learn more about Friendship Exchange: visit Rotary International's website:

<http://www.rotary.org/programs/rfe/index.html>

### **Tell me more about District 3460:**

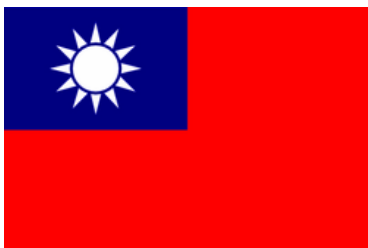
In March 2006 our district sent a Group Study Exchange team to District 3460. If you are lucky you have heard their report on how hospitable our Rotary friends in 3460 are. In April I hope you met the wonderful team from District 3460: Jim, Emmy, Alan, Peggy and Joann. You may want to talk with [Owen George](#), our GSE Team Leader or one of the members of his team to learn more about what you might expect.

### **You (and your spouse) are invited to participate in a Friendship Exchange:**

- We hope that we will receive three or four couples from Taichung in late October / early November. among these we are told will be the immediate past district governor, Tiger Ku, and John C.K. Wu, the District 3460 Rotary Foundation Chairman. Their visit will be for 10 – 14 days. We will need to find host families who will be able to take some time to help us share our district with our visitors.
- We will be assembling a team to visit Taichung in late March or early April. This is your opportunity to visit a very different culture and at the same time make new friends and renew old friendships . . . travel with Rotary value added.

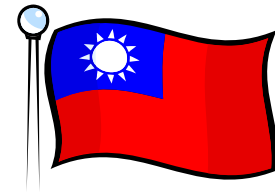
If you want to participate in this first District 7690 Friendship Exchange or learn more about the program, please contact Karen and Phil Morris ([KMorris@triad.rr.com](mailto:KMorris@triad.rr.com)) now. Please indicate if you want to host or travel or both.

**As this is the first Friendship Exchange our District 7690 has participated in, we invite you to volunteer to become a part of the planning committee.**



July 28, 2006

To: Club Program Chairs  
Fm: Owen George, 2005-2006 Group Study Exchange Team Leader



**Program Lead:** Group Study Exchange 2005-2006

Members of the team that visited District 3460 last spring have an extraordinary story to tell to your club. The excitement that the team has for their experience is contagious. This is a club program that you will not want to miss.



I'll be happy to arrange a program for your club. My contact information is:

Oweb George  
607 E. Salisbury St.  
Asheboro, NC 27203

Home: 336-625-4384  
Cell: 336-558-6966  
Email: [bridge@communityweb.net](mailto:bridge@communityweb.net)  
Club: Asheboro

A word of scheduling caution - this year the Group Study Exchange Team will be visiting Scotland in the Fall. When they return they will be as excited as our Taiwan team was to tell their story. So you are fortunate to have an opportunity for three quite different Group Study Exchange Team programs this year.:

2005-2006 Group Study Exchange visit to Taiwan  
2006-2007 Group Study Exchange visit to Scotland  
2006-2007 Group Study Exchange visit from Scotland (if your club is fortunate to get on their schedule.)



**Rotary District 7690 - Piedmont, North Carolina, USA**  
**Service Opportunity Fact Sheet**  
**The Process**

July 20, 2006

Dear Friends:

Last year our District 7690 promoted several service programs that have traditionally been supported by most clubs in our district. These included Boys & Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw, the CART program, Operation Smile and Shelterbox. This year our District will continue to recognize and support programs such as these four, but we are taking a slightly different approach to publicizing them. Governor Mitzi has asked me to tell you how we will be doing this.

This letter is addressed primarily to club presidents, and those who advocated these, and similar programs in the past years. We are requesting that you submit a 'fact sheet' about programs that deserve consideration of all clubs in the district. We will list these service opportunities prominently on the district's website and will make your 'fact sheet' available to all as well. This should help those who are promoting the programs to do so more effectively, and those who want to learn about service opportunities to find information quickly.

Visitors who click on the prominent blue "Service Projects" button on the home page of the district website, [www.Rotary7690.org](http://www.Rotary7690.org) will see an inventory or catalog of these programs. We will link to each project listed in the inventory to a 'PDF' fact sheet. I have already linked the CART program to a fact sheet that I adapted from promotional material Steele Smith provided for me last year to give you an idea of what I have in mind. *And a note to Steele - feel free to revise this sheet.*

Here is how to send us a fact sheet.

At the top of the "Service Projects" inventory page is a button labeled 'Submit a SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FACT SHEET.' When you click on that button, a form will open that you can complete providing the information that will be included with only modest editing on the fact sheet.

- **Hint:** follow the suggested formula, don't blindly cut and paste another document into this one, because the end result will be confusing to the reader.
- **Hint:** keep your description short. The total product should not exceed 1 to 1 ½ pages in length.

When you have completed the document, click on the SUBMIT button at the bottom of the form. This will send me your fact sheet as an email message. I will share your information with others on the District Planning Committee (Don Allred, Phil Morris,

Mitzi Ellis, David McCoy, and Charles Allen.) Assuming that the members of the committee have no serious questions about the program I will convert your message to a "pdf" and publish it to the district website. I'll be glad to help you keep your information up-to-date if you need to resubmit your form during the year. If there is a concern, a member of the District Planning Committee will contact you.

When we speak of projects and programs in this memo, we are not discussing fundraisers and district scheduled events such as District Golf Tournament.

Let me assure you that as District Communication Officer I am anxious to provide the support you need to put the "wind underneath the sails of your program." I am looking forward to your Service Opportunity Fact sheets. Contact me if you have any questions. I will be happy to discuss the procedure that we are trying to implement this year, and I am sure the District Planning Committee will be willing to consider the concerns you may have.

Thank you for LEADING THE WAY, as we practice SERVICE Above Self.



Phil Morris, PDG 2005-2006  
District 7690 Communications Officer  
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[PhilMorris@Rotary7690.org](mailto:PhilMorris@Rotary7690.org)

**GOOD BYE POLIO! THANKS ROTARY!**

# WANTED

## ROTARY AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR CANDIDATES

### Available

#### **A Scholarship to study language and culture in Taiwan**

Rotary District 3460, Taichung, Taiwan has contributed \$26,000 to The Rotary Foundation to fund an Ambassadorial Scholar from District 7690, Piedmont, North Carolina for the 2007-2008 academic year to study language and culture. Applications are due on or about September 1st. The form and information about Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholar program is available at [http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb\\_scho/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html) . Interest in Chinese language is beneficial. We are considering students who have completed two years of undergraduate study by the time they leave. The Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship is valued up to \$26,000. Application deadline is August 31. Interested students should contact Buster Lewis, Chairman of The District 7690 Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee (336) 275-8458.

"This is the first time that a Rotary district in southeastern United States has been awarded an ambassadorial scholarship by another district." suggests Anne Matthews, area representative of The Rotary Foundation from Columbia, South Carolina.

The scholarship developed as a result of District 7690's Group Study Exchange visit to Taichung, Taiwan. A week before the team was scheduled to return home, Team Leader Owen George called with news that District 3460 was contributing \$26,000 to The Rotary Foundation and had specified that the contribution would be used for a scholarship for someone from District 7690 to spend 2007-2008 in Taiwan studying language and culture. "We believe that this will be the first time an Ambassadorial Scholar will be hosted in Taiwan. As we begin to realize that China & Taiwan are playing a more aggressive role in the world's business, this scholarship should attract a great deal of interest." Said

Phil Morris, 2005-2006 District Governor of District 7690, Piedmont North Carolina.

For additional information contact:

Buster Lewis, Chairman of The District 7690 Rotary Foundation Scholarship Committee (336) 275-8458

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**Gayle Taylor (Greensboro), Heather Owens (Sanford), Christine Kreider (Burlington), Linda Whitlow (High Point) and GSE Team Leader Owen George during their visit in Taiwan in March 2006**

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